

Franklin County Commissioners' Court  
Commissioner Court Minutes  
Regular Session  
August 24, 2015

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in Regular Session August 24, 2015 at 9:00 AM in the Commissioners' Courtroom at the Franklin County Courthouse located at 200 North Kaufman Street, Mount Vernon, TX

Members present: Scott Lee, County Judge  
Danny Chitsey, Commissioner, Precinct 1  
Larkin Jumper, Commissioner, Precinct 2  
Deryl Carr, Commissioner, Precinct 3  
Sam Young, Commissioner, Precinct 4  
Betty Crane, County Clerk

VISITORS: Danny Sewell, Bryan Giguere, Russell Schaffner, Lindsey Yeager, Brian Ball, Ellen Jagers, Ricky Jones, Margaret Sears, Sue Ann Harper, Jerry Cooper, Jim Alford, Charlie Emerson, Bill Travis, B. F. Hicks, Betty Sue Allen, Cathy Jumper, Tina Phillips, Robert Zinn, and Lillie Bush Reves

Judge Lee called the meeting to order and Commissioner Young offered prayer.

**Public Comments:** Agricultural Agent Brian Ball reported a recruitment meeting for 4H will be held on September 8<sup>th</sup> at the Multi-Purpose building. Judge Lee reported there will be a meet and greet with Gary Vandever at Lanny Ramsay's office on September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 10, 2015 REGULAR SESSION, AUGUST 17, 2015 SPECIAL SESSION, AND AUGUST 17, 2015 WORKSHOP SESSION – COUNTY CLERK** – Commissioner Jumper made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 10, 2015 Regular Session, August 17, 2015 Special Session, and August 17, 2015 Workshop Session and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**AUDIT CLAIMS AGAINST THE COUNTY AND AUTHORIZE THEIR PAYMENT – TREASURER** - Commissioner Chitsey made a motion to approve all the claims against the county including an additional claim in the amount of \$3,216.19 and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. See Vol. 53 Page \_\_\_\_\_

**SECOND READING REPLAT LOTS 164R-2, SECTION 2, KINGS COUNTRY SUBDIVISION – DANNY SEWELL FOR KEVIN AND CRISTI RYAN** – Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the second reading of the replat of lots 164R-2, Section 2 of Kings Country Subdivision and Commissioner Carr seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Plat Cabinet # 296A

**SECOND READING REPLAT LOTS 3R-2 (OWNED BY WILLIAM AND WENDY WILBANKS) AND 5R-2 (OWNED BY TIM SEYMORE CUSTOM HOMES, INC) CYPRESS POINT SUBDIVISION – B. F. HICKS** – Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve the second reading of Cypress Point subdivision lots 3R-2 and 5R-2 and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Plat Cabinet# 297A

**SECOND READING REPLAT LOT L30R SECTION II KINGS COUNTRY SUBDIVISION – B.F. HICKS FOR GREGORY AND KARIN MONSON** – Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve the second reading of Kings Country subdivision, Section II, lot L30R and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Plat Cabinet # 296B

**PRESENTATION OF STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES THAT BENEFIT FRANKLIN COUNTY AS A MEMBER OF TEX-21 – RUSSELL SCHAFFNER, TEX 21 -**

Mr. Schaffner gave a brief overview of what TEX-21 is and what the benefits are by being a member of TEX-21. See Volume 53 Page \_\_\_\_\_

**COURTHOUSE RESTORATION – STANDING AGENDA ITEM – COUNTY JUDGE –**

Judge Lee reported the frost on the windows had been completed. Auditor Tina Phillips reported there is still issues on the hardware on the doors and the air conditioner upstairs. The Engineer plans to install two large pumps.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING STATUS OF CURRENT BURN BAN – COUNTY JUDGE –**

After discussion, Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the Order Prohibiting Outdoor Burning that was prescribed on August 13, 2012. Commissioner Young added to his motion to allow Lowes of have their licensed fireworks display for their 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event. Commissioner Carr seconded the motion and the motion carried. See Volume 53 Page \_\_\_\_\_

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER 2015 AS FAMILY MEAL TIME MONTH FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY – LINDSEY YEAGER –**

Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the Proclamation designating September 2015 as Family Meal Time Month for Franklin County and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Volume 53 Page \_\_\_\_\_

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING PROPOSED TAX RATE INCREASE, TAKE RECORD VOTE, AND SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARINGS – COUNTY JUDGE –**

The Court reviewed the following items regarding the proposal of the 2015 tax rates for the Franklin County FY 2016 calendar budget year:

General Fund 0.337729  
Lateral R&B 0.133155  
**Total Tax Levy – 0.499657**

Road and Bridge Special 0.023669  
Interest and Sinking 0.005104

Took a record vote on the proposed 2015 tax rate increases for the FY 2016 budget (increase over the 2015 effective tax rate – excluding Interest & Sinking rate)

2015 Total Tax Levy 0.494553  
2015 Effective Tax Rate 0.471511  
**Increase over Effective Rate 0.023042**

Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the proposed tax rate of 0.499657 which is 0.023042 above the Effective Rate with the Effective Rate being 0.471511 and Commissioner Carr seconded the motion. Motion carried with Commissioners Chitsey, Jumper, Carr, Young and Judge Lee all voting in favor.

Public Hearings were scheduled to be held on September 3, 2015 at 9:00 AM and on September 8, 2015 at 6:00 PM. They also scheduled to adopt the 2015 tax rate and set the FY 2016 budget on September 14, 2015 at 9:00 AM. See Volume 53 Page \_\_\_\_\_

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING MOU FOR NETO HEAD START'S REQUEST FOR PARTIAL USE OF FACILITIES AT OLD NETO BUILDING ON TAYLOR STREET – PRECINCT 2** - Commissioner Jumper recommended the County

not pursue the lease agreement with Head Start. The lease request included 320 square feet consisting of two offices and the receptionist area as well as the land on which the Head Start modular building sits located at 208 Taylor Street. They also requested using parking spaces associated with the building. They requested the County have general liability insurance in the amount of at least \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$3,000,000 aggregate coverage. He reported he was okay with the portable building behind the building staying temporarily but they would need to work something out about the use of electricity and water. Commissioner Jumper made a motion to not approve the Lease Agreement with Community Development Institute Head Start and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried with Commissioners Young, Chitsey and Jumper voting in favor of denying the lease request and Commissioner Carr abstained. Motion carried. See Volume 53 Page \_\_\_\_\_

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:** They discussed work that needed to be done at the airport, September 4<sup>th</sup> being the deadline to accept applications for the Sports Complex maintenance person, reported that EMS Director, Mark Mallory had requested assistance with putting up the wind sock behind the old hospital, Sheriff Jones reminded everyone he was planning an auction and encouraged everyone to get their stuff together for the auction, reported a meeting has been scheduled to meet with Congressman John Ratcliffe to discuss weather radar that was needed in the dead zone area of the county, Sheriff Jones reported a fiber line break close to Lake Lavon on Saturday and services to Suddenlink, AT&T and Version were interrupted and had to route 911 calls as well as calls to the 4539 phone number to Winnsboro because of the break. He reported services were back up and running about midnight. Discussed cancelling the afternoon workshop that had been scheduled.

Commissioner Jumper made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:29AM and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

I, Betty Crane, County Clerk certify that this is an accurate accounting of the proceedings of Commissioner's Court Regular meeting on August 24, 2015.

Witnessed and recorded this 24<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015.

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Betty Crane, County Clerk